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SBA Announces Small Business Award Winners for 2006

FARGO - The U.S. Small Business Administration is proud to announce the 2006 Small

Business Award Winners from North Dakota.

North Dakota Small Business Person of the Year Tim Herrmann

Presort Plus, Bismarck

Region VIII and North Dakota Young Entrepreneur of

the Year

Amber Burkett

Wire Worx, Jamestown

Region VIII and North Dakota Small Business Exporter

of the Year

Howard Dahl

Amity Technology, Fargo

North Dakota Family-Owned Small Business of the

Year

George "Skip" Duemeland

Duemeland Properties LLP, Bismarck

North Dakota Small Business Journalist of the Year Ruth Newman, Publisher

The Dickinson Press, Dickinson

North Dakota Financial Services Champion Howard Palmer

American State Bank & Trust, Minot

North Dakota Home-Based Business Champion Merlin Haugen

WebconSepts.com, Bismarck

North Dakota Minority Small Business Champion Jonathan Anderson

Tribal Business Information Center

Fort Yates

North Dakota Veterans Small Business Champion Harvey Schuh

CH Carpenter Lumber, Jamestown

In recognition of the small business community's contribution to the American economy and society, the President of the United States designates one week each year as National Small Business Week. This year it is April 9-15, 2006. Leading up to that week, the U.S. Small Business Administration, a federal agency dedicated to assisting small business owners start and expand their businesses, presents awards honoring the nation's entrepreneurs and small business champions.